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I can't find them right now and I apologize. If you know that I am wrong, please tell me but I don't believe that I am wrong that over half of the graduating class from the University of Nebraska last year was unemployed as of a couple months ago, and that half that was employed left this state to find employment. Now I have always looked upon education as an investment. I don't think we are getting our money's worth. We are not providing the career opportunities in this state for our young people to stay in this state and serve out the investment that we have done by giving them a proper and good education. Those two reasons are why I am in favor of this bill. It is a simple choice as far as I am concerned. If this measure will do something towards causing employment to increase, causing unemployment to decrease, if this measure will help provide career opportunities for those young people of ours that we are desperately trying to educate in a fine manner, then you should be in favor of this bill. If you don't think this will do anything towards that, that it won't help our unemployment situation, won't create career opportunities, then vote against it. I happen to think that it is worth the risk of taking a chance and finding out. I hope that you will support 560, and let's give it a try.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Wesely, do you wish to close?

SENATOR WESELY: Yes. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and members of the Legislature, we have spent a great deal of time on LB 560 earlier the first time we considered the bill. It barely missed the chance to advance at that time. I would ask for your support at this time because we are in an economic situation that calls for initiative and leadership on the part of the Legislature. We think LB 560 will help. The business community of the State of Nebraska supports it. It is one way that we can deal with our unemployment problem and bring business and industry to the State of Nebraska. With this incentive, I think it will make a difference. It is not the only solution and alone it may not create all the jobs that we want, but nevertheless it will help. I will defer the rest of my time to Senator DeCamp.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President....

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator DeCamp, just a moment. (Gavel.) Thank you. Senator DeCamp.